



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Warm weather prevailed throughout the state this week. Days suitable for field work were 6.9 days. Crops continue to progress. Livestock is doing well however ranges are suffering due to lack of rain.

## Field Crops Summary

Box Elder reports the grain harvest is progressing and should finish up in the next two weeks. Yield reports have shown a wide variation in irrigated grain. Farmers have begun harvesting 3<sup>rd</sup> crop alfalfa within the county. They are also getting fields ready to be planted to fall grain and new alfalfa. Grain corn is doing well and has made progress in catching up from a late start this spring. Onion producers report that their crop is behind in terms of development. Some also report they have heavy thrip pressure due to the heat. Cache County reports grain harvest is moving along nicely. Irrigation yields have been impressive. Irrigation water is holding up well in most systems for alfalfa and corn silage, but unfortunately we have had an increase of grasshoppers in recent weeks. Morgan County reports the grain harvest has begun, while irrigated crops are growing well, but dry land forage has dried out. Emery County reports that due to the cooler than normal spring growers still haven't completed the second cutting of hay. Hay production continues to look good while irrigation water supplies are in good shape. Summer rains received over the past couple of weeks have been greatly needed, especially in the mountains. Summit County reports farmers are harvesting grass hay. Duchesne and Sanpete counties report a few areas within the county are being affected by grasshoppers and army worms.

## Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports ranges are becoming very dry, even at the higher elevations. Cattle and sheep seem to be doing well despite the dry conditions although there have been some reports of dust pneumonia. Many livestock producers report that they have plans for heavy culling this fall due to the price of feed.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending August 17, 2008

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Onions Harvested	18	12	24	14
Barley Harvested (Grain)	65	54	76	72
Oats Harvested (Grain)	28	16	58	56
Spring Wheat Harvested	48	37	80	67
Winter Wheat Harvested	81	70	89	82
Corn Silk Stage	84	67	96	93
Alfalfa Second Cutting	90	87	99	96
Alfalfa Third Cutting	15	5	54	37
Other Hay Cut	90	88	95	95
Apricots Harvested	91	85	100	99
Peach Harvested	29	20	34	26

### Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending August 17, 2008

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	6	14	27	41	12

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 17, 2008

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	22	41	37	0
Subsoil	15	38	47	0
Stock water supplies	10	25	65	0